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"Of a small size; not uncommon in 12 f. sand, Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope. Color white, suckers red."—(W. Stimpson.)

Also a species of *Brissus* allied to the *Brissus carinatus* Lamk, Gaspé Straits, collected by Capt. Rodgers, who states them to be very common on the beaches there.

The Reports of the Recording Secretary and of the Curators were read, as follow :

## REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY,

For 1863.

During the year ending 30th November, 1863, there have been elected sixteen members and eight correspondents.

The following members have died : Mark W. Collet, M. D., John McCanless, John Y. Clark, M. D., Edward Harris.

The death of the following Correspondents has been announced :

Samuel R. Wetherill, of Burlington, N. J. ; Rev. James H. McFarland, U. S. Army ; Dr. William Darlington, West Chester, Pa. ; Prof. C. G. C. Reinhardt, Leyden ; Benj. D. Green, of Boston, Mass. ; Asahel Clapp, New Albany, Indiana ; Charles W. Short, M. D., Louisville, Ky. ; S. P. Hildreth, M. D., Marietta, Ohio ; Ebenezer Emmons, of North Carolina ; Chevalier A. C. Bernardi, of Paris.

One member has resigned.

The number of papers contributed and ordered to be published during the same time, has been sixty-eight, as follows :

By Theodore Gill, twenty-four ; George W. Tryon, Jr., eight ; Isaac Lea, LL.D., seven ; John Cassin, four ; Elliott Coues, M. D., U. S. A., three ; Messrs. T. A. Conrad, James Lewis, M. D., E. D. Cope, Jacob Ennis, W. T. March and S. F. Baird, each two ; Charles C. Abbott, Alexander Winchell, E. Durand, Samuel Ashmead and Thomas P. James, Asa Gray, James A. Grant, M. D., George N. Lawrence, Horatio C. Wood, M. D., Wm. Stimpson, Thomas B. Wilson, M. D., and John Cassin, Robert Kennicott, Felipe Poey and J. C. Brevoort, J. C. Brevoort and S. S. Haldeman, each one.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. HOWARD RAND, M. D.,

Recording Secretary.

## REPORT OF CURATORS.

For 1863.

The Curators announce the following list of donations of objects of natural history to the Academy during the year just closing.

*Mammals*.—Of these 6 species were presented by Drs. Jos. C. Martindale, and James A. Grant, Mr. Matson and Mr. Foulke. Dr. I. I. Hayes also presented a fine mounted specimen of the Esquimaux dog of pure breed.

*Birds*.—Mr. B. F. Saurmann presented 80 mounted specimens of 52 species of American birds, and Dr. Jos. C. Martindale, mounted specimens of 22 species. Seven specimens were also presented by John Krider, T. Beesley, Gen. Pleasantson and others.

*Reptiles*.—The Smithsonian Institution presented 150 specimens of 95 species of North American serpents, many of them types of Baird and Girard. A collection of reptiles from Hilton Head, S. C., was presented by 1863.]

Dr. J. J. Craven. Several others were presented by Dr. J. C. Fisher, C. Guillou and J. Warner.

*Fishes*.—Small collections were presented by Dr. J. J. Craven and S. Powel, and 14 species by the Rev. James A. Mackay, S. Ashmead and E. D. Cope.

*Mollusks*.—Mr. Geo. W. Tryon, jr., presented 198 species of land and fresh water shells, Mr. I. Lea 52 species, and the Smithsonian Institution 39 species. Small collections of shells were presented by Dr. J. J. Craven, John Warner and the late Mrs. Hannah I. Davenport, and several species by Rev. E. R. Beadle, Dr. A. A. Gould, Prof. Haldeman and Prof. Porter.

*Articulates*.—Specimens of crustacea, insects, myriapods, scorpions, spiders and worms, were presented by Drs. J. J. Craven, J. C. Fisher, J. L. Le Conte, and J. C. Cleburne, Messrs. J. Hobbs, C. Guillou and Freeman, and the Smithsonian Institution.

*Fossils*.—Small collections were presented by Drs. J. C. Morris, H. C. Wood, Jr., W. F. Atlee and Mr. A. L. Gerhart. Twenty-two specimens were presented by P. W. Sheaffer, Dr. J. M. Corse, T. Beesley, W. S. Vaux, E. Nolan, H. S. Bender, G. J. Scattergood and J. E. Painter. A fine specimen of the great trilobite, *Isoteles magistus*, was also presented by E. S. Wayne.

*Minerals*.—A collection of 250 minerals, many of them valuable additions to our cabinet, were presented by the late J. P. W. Neff. Ninety others were presented by C. U. Shepard, J. F. Parker, E. H. Beebe, I. Lea, J. C. Fisher, Mrs. H. I. Davenport, T. D. Rand, J. E. Painter, J. C. Trautwine and R. Bridges.

*Miscellaneous*.—Specimens of shells, plaster casts, bones, plants, Indian antiques, etc., were presented or obtained in exchange, 110 in number, from C. A. Poulson, B. R. Ross, C. C. Abbott, Mrs. Jacob Green, Mrs. Hannah I. Davenport, E. J. De Haven, J. G. Eastlack, J. F. Parker, R. Bingham, Dr. R. Jennings, Dr. Le Conte, A. Fiot and Mr. Ward.

Respectfully submitted by

JOSEPH LEIDY,  
*Chairman of the Curators.*

The Treasurer read his annual Report, which was referred to the Auditors.

The Reports of the Librarian, Committees on Proceedings and Publication Committee were deferred until the next meeting for business.

The President, Mr. Lea, declined being a candidate for re-election to that office.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and the following gentlemen were unanimously elected.

*President*.....THOMAS B. WILSON, M. D.

*Vice-Presidents*.....Robert Bridges, M. D.  
Wm. S. Vaux.

*Corresponding Secretary*.....Thomas Stewardson, M. D.

*Recording Secretary*.....B. Howard Rand, M. D.

*Librarian*.....J. D. Sergeant.

*Treasurer*.....Wm. C. Henszey.

*Curators*.....Joseph Leidy, M. D.  
Wm. S. Vaux,  
John Cassin,  
J. D. Sergeant.

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<i>Auditors</i> .....	Wm. S. Vaux, Joseph Jeanes, Aubrey H. Smith.
<i>Publication Committee</i> .....	Wm. S. Vaux, Isaac Lea, Robert Bridges, M. D. Joseph Leidy, M. D. Thomas Stewardson, M. D.

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### ELECTIONS FOR 1863.

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The following persons were elected Members,—viz :

*Jan.* 27.—Andrew H. Smith, M.D., U.S.A., Jos. C. Martindale, M.D.,  
Benj. F. Saurman.

*Feb.* 24.—J. Hampden Porter, M. D., J. Dutton Steele, of Potts-  
town, Pa. ; W. Lorenz, of Lebanon, Pa. ; J. Frank Knight.

*March* 31.—James Milliken.

*May* 26.—Harry C. Yarrow, M. D.

*June* 30.—W. Lehman Wells, M. D., Jas. Hepburn, of San Fran-  
co, Cal.

*July* 28.—W. S. King, M. D., U. S. A., Edw. Curtis, U. S. A

*Aug.* 25.—Geo. J. Scattergood.

*Oct.* 27.—Wm. M. King, M. D., U. S. N., Wm. Furness Jenks.

*Dec.* 29.—Geo. T. Lewis, Wm. J. Horstmann.

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The following persons were elected Correspondents :

*Jan.* 27.—Sidney S. Lyon, Jeffersonville, Ind.

*March* 31.—Hon. Henry Winter Davis, Baltimore, Md.

*April* 28.—Hon. L. E. Chittenden, Washington, D. C. ; James  
A. Grant, M. D., Ottawa, Canada.

*May* 26.—Hon. F. E. Spinner, Washington, D. C. ; I. I. Cra-  
ven, M. D., U. S. A.

*Aug.* 25.—Auguste Rémond, of San Francisco, Cal.

*Oct.* 27.—Edw. H. Beebe, Galena, Ill.

*Dec.* 29.—Giovanni Capellini, Bologna.

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